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SUBJECT: GOG REVEALS POLYTECHNION FINDINGS AND NAMES
NAMES

1. ATHENS PROSECUTOR FAFOUTIS AT PRESS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 22 SUMMARIZED NINETEEN-PAGE REPORT OF DISTRICT
ATTORNEY TSEVAS AND ANNOUNCED THAT BASED ON ITS CHARGES
INVESTIGATION WILL NOW BE LAUNCHED AGAINST GEORGE
PAPADOPOULOS, DEMETRIOS IOANNIDES AND ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE
OTHER HIGH-RANKING JUNTA OFFICIALS. TSEVAS REPORT CHARGES
PAPADOPOULOS, IOANNIDES, AND FORMER KYP INTELLIGENCE CHIEF
ROUFOGALIS WITH INSTIGATING HOMOCIDE AND SERIOUS PERSONAL
INJURIES. IT FURTHER ALLEGES THAT RETIRED GENERAL
ZAGORIANAKOS (THEN SHAFK) ORDERED THE ARMED FORCES INTO
THE CITY, THAT MAJOR GENERAL RAFAILAKIS SUPERVISED THE
MILITARY ACTION AT THE POLYTECHNION, AND THAT
CAPTAIN SPYROS STATHAKIS ORDERED TANKS INTO THE SCHOOL.
ABOUT TWENTY OTHER MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICIALS ARE
HELD CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTRIBUTING TO
DEATHS, INJURIES, AND DAMAGES CONNECTED WITH POLYTECHNION
EVENTS.

2. RELEASE OF REPORT SUMMARY WAS HAILED BY CAPITAL'S
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PRESS. LEAD HEADLINES WERE: "THIRTY TYRANTS ACCUSED"

(VRADYNI); "POLYTECHNIC BUTCHERS ACCUSED"
(APOGEVMATINI); "THEY KILLED THE CHILDREN" (ATHINAIKI);
"PENAL PROSECUTION"(TA NEA). FRONTPAGES FEATURED PHOTOS
OF LEADING ACCUSED MEN. SO FAR ONLY BRIEF EDITORIALS HAVE
APPEARED. ATHINAIKI DEPLORED TIME INVESTIGATION TOOK AND
WONDERED WHETHER RELEASE OF NEXT INVESTIGATION IN ABOUT
FOUR WEEKS WOULD ADD UP TO ELECTION TRICK BY CARAMANLIS;
IT URGED IMMEDIATE IMPRISONMENT OF ALL ACCUSED PERSONS.
VRADYNI PRAISED RELEASE OF REPORT. ESTIA SAID
AMBIVALENTLY "WE ARE AWAITING THE BITTER TRUTH WHICH, WE
ARE CONFIDENT, WILL BE BITTER IN ALL DIRECTIONS AND
RESPECTS."

3. CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION STILL APPEARS TO SURROUND
FINDINGS OF TSEVAS INVESTIGATION, PERHAPS BECAUSE ONLY
SUMMARY INSTEAD OF FULL TEXT THUS FAR RELEASED. EXACT
NUMBER OF POLYTECHNION VICTIMS APPARENTLY NOT ESTABLISHED.
PRESS REPORTS GIVE ABOUT THIRTY NAMES BUT OTHER SECTIONS
OF REPORT SPEAK OF HIGHER RANGE OF VICTIMS AND SUGGEST
THERE ARE STILL MISSING BODIES. FIGURE FOR INJURED IS
SPECIFIC AT 1103 CIVILIANS AND 61 POLICEMEN. LIKEWISE, IT
NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR WHETHER CHARGES AGAINST VARIOUS
COMMANDERS ARE BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON EVIDENCE OF ACTIVE
CRIMINAL PARTICIPATION OR MERELY BECAUSE THEY HELD COMMAND
RESPONSIBILITY. NEW INVESTIGATION WILL PRESUMABLY FOCUS
ON FURTHER DETAILS TO DETERMINE WHETHER INDICTMENT FOR
CRIMES WILL FOLLOW.

4. ALTHOUGH RELEASE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FINDINGS DOES
NOT CONSTITUTE ANY LEGAL PROOF AGAINST JUNTA OFFICIALS,
THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN JUDGED AND CONDEMNED BY MUCH OF
PRESS. HIGH EMOTIONAL REACTION TO POLYTECHNION EVENTS
ILLUSTRATED BY MINISTER OF EDUCATION'S REMARK TO AMBASSADOR
TODAY THAT TSEVAS REPORT PROVED JUNTA KILLED 100 PERSONS
AT POLYTECHNION. ALTHOUGH MINISTER PRESUMABLY PRIVY TO
FULL REPORT, PUBLISHED SUMMARY DOES NOT CONFIRM SUCH A LARGE
FIGURE. IN HIS PRESS COMMENT, ANDREAS PAPANDREOU APPEARS
TO HAVE MISJUDGED BADLY POPULAR TEMPER BY CONDEMNING FANFARE
SURROUNDING REPORT AS MERELY GOVERNMENT TACTIC TO AVOID
INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES OF APRIL 21, 1967 COUP AND CYPRUS
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TRAGEDY AND BY ALLEGING THAT GOG WAS IN EFFECT ANMESTYING
JUNTISTS, A CHARGE PAPANDREOU HAS REPEATED FREQUENTLY
IN RECENT WEEKS. HIS RITIQUE IGNORES DEEP POPULAR
SATISFACTION WITH FINDINGS AND THEIR PROMISE OF LATER
CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AGAINST LEADING JUNTA PERSONALITIES.
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